Minutes – AAUW Greater Columbia Branch Board of Directors February 2004

Attending: Becky Bailey, President; Eunika Simons, Program VP; Nancy Hughes, Membership VP; Neeta Shah Wallace, Secretary; Amy Ditolla, Finance Chair; Diane Monrad, EF Chair; Barbara Moxon, Public Policy chair; Carol Stork Legal Advocacy Fund Chair; Marcia Rowen, Diversity Chair; Dot Tunstall, Child Welfare chair; Karren Hill-Gordon, Leadership Chair.

Minutes of the 6 January meeting were approved as read

Finance: Amy Ditolla reported \$1,905.02 in the branch treasury as of 31 January 2004. Of that, \$1,000 is earmarked for the Sisters in Action Leadership Summit.

Audit Report: Amy Ditolla reported that Joanne Emerson will prepare an audit of the 2002-2003 Branch finances.

Membership: Membership VP Nancy Hughes reported 58 members as of 1 February 2004. She said that Melissa Salmon and Catherine Croft were not listed in the Membership Directory. Information about Jo Conner and Dot Tunstall is incorrect, in part, in the directory. Updates will be included in the next Capital News.

Hughes asked board members to contact several women who had indicated an interest in joining. She also reported that AAUW SC is offering At Large members an opportunity to join at the state level for \$10.00.

Nominating Committee Report: Nancy Hughes, chair of the branch Nominating Committee reported the following slate of officers for 2004-2005:

Becky Bailey - President

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Eunika Simons and Dot Tunstall - Co Membership Vice-Presidents

Agneta Enermalm – Secretary

The slate of officers will be published in the March Capital News. Membership will vote on the slate of officers at the April meeting. Officers will be installed in May.

LAF and EF Fund Raising Goals for 2004: Following discussion, the board approved to set a goal of \$2,000 for the Educational Foundation and \$400 for the Legal Advocacy Fund. Based on 1 February 2004 membership figures, the goal would equal \$25 per member for EF and \$5 per member for LAF.

Chair Diane Monrad asked the board to consider changing the terms of LAF and EF chairs to run 1 January through 31 December. The board decided to take up this issue at the next board meeting.

Leadership: Karren Hill Gordon reported that the Sisters in Action Summit is scheduled for March 27 at the Eau Claire Town Hall. Volunteers were asked to assist. Branch members who have signed up to participate in the shadowing experience will be contacted directly by the schools of their choice.

Program: Program VP Eunika Simons reported the following programs for the rest of the year:

February no branch meeting. Members will be encouraged to participate in

State Legislative Day on 18 February. 13

March Branch will meet on 18 March at the Family Service Center.

Program for Women's History Month will feature speaker Gilda Moreno, founder of PCA Concepts, a marketing and publishing

firm directed toward women.

April Branch will meet on 1/3 April for an evening meeting at Grecian

Gardens in West Columbia. The program will feature branch leaders who will provide information about AAUW to new and

potential members.

May End of year meeting will be held on Saturday 22 May for luncheon

at the New Orleans Riverfront Restaurant in West Columbia. Named Gift Honorees and other awards will be presented. New officers will be installed. A speaker has not yet been determined.

Public Policy: Barbara Moxon reminded members that State Legislative Day will be held on 18 February at the Adam's Mark and encouraged board members to attend.

May Book Sale: Nancy Hughes, chair of the book sale, reported that her committee would not be ready for the book sale in May. She had visited the Aiken branch and found that the work required would be too much for the committee to accomplish in three months. The committee will attempt to set up the book sale for the fall of 2004.

Discussion centered on the purpose of the sale—to provide some funding for branch Educational Foundation and Legal Advocacy Fund commitments that would be due by 31 December 2004.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:00 P.M.